



Special Education Advisory Committee

December 1, 2021, SEAC Meeting PTA/PTO Talking Points

Livestream Recording: <https://vimeo.com/652229347> (Presentation and Business Meeting)

Presentation: Transition Planning and the IEP

Presenter: Tammy Burns, PEATC Family Support Specialist

Next SEAC Meeting January 12, 2022

Presentation: Reading Comprehension and Autism, 6:00 p.m.

Presenters: Carlin Conner, Ph.D. and Alyssa Henry, Ph.D.

University of Virginia School of Education and Human Development

SEAC Business Meeting – 7:15 p.m.

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Chair Report, Sharon Tropf

1. Public Comment

Kelly Huff-Snyder: Has two school aged children. Overall, the current Tier 1 and 2 literacy programs are not meeting the needs of LCPS students. Why are we waiting until 2023 to implement new programs? Do not wait any longer to help these students.

2. RTI International-Strategic Planning Process. RTI has been engaged to support the strategic planning process on behalf of LCPS. As part of the process, RTI via facilitated in-person conversation will facilitate feedback about the direction of the division for the future.

Key topics for discussion with SEAC may include (but are not limited to)

- a) Aspirations & Outcome:** What is your vision for LCPS? What will be true of LCPS students in 2027?
- b) Change Ideas (Start, Stop, and Continue):** As you consider the current state of LCPS, what are the most important elements to start/stop/continue into the future in order to best serve LCPS students?
- c) Barriers:** What do you see as the key barriers that stand in the way of achieving the

primary goals for the division that you articulated?

3. Reports and Updates

A. SEAC Chair Report

- PTA/PTO Representatives-Currently have 17 members. SEAC is able to have 21 voting members. Currently, have 35 PTO/PTA Reps should be about 90.
- SEAC Awards have arrived and will be distributed. Method of delivery is being solidified with collaboration with the Special Education Supervisors.

Updates:

- Literacy reviews are being completed and SEAC is influential in getting these changes introduced.
- Webpage is updated, still working to get all documents posted. Currently past meeting presentations and live streams are being made accessible for posting.
- SEAC has provided all past reports and recommendations on Policy Reviews and Budget information in accessible formats, these still need to be posted.
- Updating SEAC by-laws to document electronic participation.

New Issues brought to SEAC's attention:

- Asynchronous learning days are a concern, due to a loss of special education services for students with IEPs.
- SEAC Communication to schools and parents is a concern to ensure information is distributed early.
- Bus safety still waiting for safety protocols from transportation
- Team taught teaching model are not receiving the support needed to meet student needs
- Implementation plan for policy 5050
- Update on analysis and awaiting changes then work on next steps for updating annual report
- Previous Issues brought to SEAC's attention:
 - Staffing shortages
 - Access to online learning
 - Evaluations-failure to initiate
 - Information missing due to transition to VA IEP/Parent frustration
 - Student transportation

B. Subcommittees

- Policy and Compliance: Reviewed By-Law Revision for Electronic Participation.
- Specialized Programs:
- Transition: The leads will be reaching out to LCPS transition supervisor to coordinate and attend the next meeting, December 13, 2021.
 - Career and Transition Newsletter: <https://www.smores.com/v1hxc-lcps-career-transition>
- Literacy: The leads will reach out to LCPS supervisor to coordinate current attending a subcommittee meeting to discuss outstanding issues, December 9, 2021.
- Executive Functioning and Social Emotional Learning, SEAC Chair will reach out to help facilitate meeting.

C. Parent Resource Services.

- Ms. Leanne Kidwell Refer to Website for upcoming trainings.
<https://www.lcps.org/parentresourceservices>
- Sign up to receive newsletter <https://www.smores.com/ejka7-parent-resource-services>
- Calendar of events are on the website. Newsletter will be coming out later in December.

D. School Board Liaison

Andrew Hoyler, Broad Run School Board Representative

- Budget season has begun. Many projects coming up that are going to be costly. Budget cuts are coming due to tax revenue projections are expected to be lower.
- Literacy Review at last board meeting. Mr. Hoyler is planning a Town Hall regarding literacy.
- Leesburg vacancy is expected to be filled by December 14, 2021, School Board meeting
- Concerned with inequities through the county.
- Public comment still has no limit on speakers or time limit for overall comment time.
- Policy about service animal to be reviewed. Reorganizational meeting in January for School Board members.

E. Office of Special Education

Donna Smith, Acting Director of Special Education

- Thank you to RTI for your time tonight to for SEAC to be a part of the strategic planning.
- Inclusive Schools week December 6 to 10. Stickers and posters going to all staff in the school division. Schools will be sharing via Twitter.
- Office of Special Education is honored to deliver the SEAC awards to staff and students.
- In response to DRA information, it is available to parents through Phoenix. Parents should reach out to school directly if they have any difficulties accessing the information.

F. Department of Student Services

Dr. Asia Jones, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services

- Thank you for everything you are doing.
- Recognition of presentation given this evening. Go to Parent Resource Services webpage for PEATC information and other valuable resources.
- Use the school counselors to get academic and career counseling.
- Welcome new SEAC members.

4. Old Business

A. Policy and Compliance Subcommittee

Policy 8030, Harassment and Discrimination of Students.

- This Policy has previously been reviewed; the subcommittee is not making any additional recommendation.
- Motion made by Melissa Waugh and seconded by Shehnaz Khan. There is no need to vote on this since it had been voted on previously. It is informational only.

Policy 3050, Trained Service Animals

- No revisions are being suggested. There is no quorum therefore no vote was held.